

## LEWIS DEFENDS HIS PHONE BILL

Says He and Corporation Differ  
on Only Three  
Points.

### MAY CHANGE MEASURE

Corrects Previous Statement As  
to Charges on Nearby  
Farm Lands.

Congressman Lewis, patron of the bill providing for Government ownership of telephones in the District, went on the witness stand before the House District Committee again today, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company having concluded its statement of objections to the measure.

Mr. Lewis said that after listening to the company's side of the matter for three weeks he found that the three essential points of difference between himself and the company's representatives were, utilization of telephone wires for telegraph purposes, Washington toll rates and telephone utilization in Washington.

**May Withdraw Section Seven.**

He said he probably would withdraw section 7 from his bill. This section provides that the Postmaster General take charge of the telephone lines within a radius of fifty miles of Washington during certain hours, so as to put kitchens and farms into communication with each other at low cost.

The Congressman stated, however, that the taking over of the lines would not interfere with the company's business, but add to it, since the hours designated were those during which there was practically no traffic on the wires.

### Was Company Target.

Section 7 has been one of the principal targets for the telephone company's representatives, because it provides for Government control over lines within a fifty-mile zone beyond the District, but does not provide for the purchase of the lines.

At the beginning, Congressman Lewis said he wished to state that the telephone company's officials had not successfully refuted his figures or data, and that the issue had been narrowed down to utilization and rates in Washington.

### Reviews Previous Statement.

Congressman Lewis reviewed his previous statement to the committee to refresh the memories of its members.

"I stated before," he said, "that the telephone and telegraph agencies are postal functions throughout the world, excepting in the United States and some American states; that being conducted by one person there is only one set of offices, a common personnel, only one overhead, postal simplicity in accounting and financing, and since the telephone wire is used at the same moment for both telephoning and telegraphing, there is but one pole line and wires in the street to maintain instead of three or even four in the United States, where the wire communication is taken up by three and sometimes four competing private agencies."

### People Had to Pay.

"The American people have to pay this enormous bill of waste in one of two ways; that is, either by getting too little service for the money paid, high rates, or by denial of the service, or, in fact, both. As a consequence of this enormous waste in wires, pole lines, operators, maintenance, etc., the people have to pay."

### WILSON FOR MORE DAYLIGHT

President, in Letter, Backs Up Experts' Assault on Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Marcus M. Marks, president of the daylight saving convention, in session here, today received a letter from President Wilson endorsing the plan for earlier rising in the summertime.

The letter follows:

"Your letter of January 26 unhappily reached me too late for me to send a letter which would get to you by the 30th.

"I would have been glad to back up any movement which had for its object the daylight saving movement.

The daylight savers heard John K. Tener, president of the National Baseball League, throw a little sentiment into the question today.

### TALKS TO HIGHBROW FORUM

Louise Sachse, "Alaskan Queen," Tells of Her Ambitions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—She kept her promise to address the highbrow University Forum anyhow, did Louise Sachse, who was dethroned as "Queen of Alaska" when "Dad spilled the beans" on his way to his night watchman's job in Kansas City last week. And did the university fall for it?

"I can't compete with these highbrow speakers," said Louise, waving a large hand at the staid professors who preceded her on the program, "but I can square myself with you, anyhow."

"Everybody's been saying I bunked Broadway. I didn't. I just told 'em what they liked to hear. I couldn't get very far in New York as an Austrian girl whose father was a night watchman in Kansas City."

"And I wanted to get an education and be a lady. I do yet, and I'm going to start as a telephone operator if I can't do better, but I'll win."

## 4 HELD IN PLOT TO KILL LLOYD-GEORGE AND HIS ASSISTANTS

Poison Conspiracy Against British Premier and War Councilor Bared  
by Arraignment of Quartet.

DERBY, England, Jan. 31.—A poison plot against Premier David Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the empire's war council, was revealed today in the arraignment at Quilidhall of three women and one man charged with "conspiracy to murder."

### Hatching For Month.

Crown Prosecutor A. H. Bonkin, who appeared against the quartet, declared that the plot had been hatching between December 26 and January 30.

It was also stated that Scotland Yard and the government secret service had been working on the case since Saturday, when the conspiracy was first unearthed.

The four defendants are: Mrs. Alice Wheelton, David Lloyd George's daughter, her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Mason, another daughter, Albert Mason, a chemist.

### Women Are Suffragettes.

Mason is the husband of one of Mrs. Wheelton's daughters, and is one of a number of individuals in England who have sought to evade military service because of "conscientious scruples" against war. The three women are supposed to be suffragettes.

Publication of the charges against the four persons arrested created an immediate sensation, coupled with general indignation that England's general indignation that England's

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## DENIES ANY PLAN TO FORCE 'DRY' BILL COMMISSARY DEPT.

Congressman Randall, Prohibitionist, Disperses Rumor  
About "Big Stick."

Congressman Charles H. Randall, the only prohibitionist member of the House, today denied reports that his call for a conference of the independent members who hold the balance of power in the next House of Representatives has anything to do with the campaign for prohibition in the District of Columbia.

### Denies Rumors.

When informed that rumors were prevalent that he desired to wave the big stick over the Democratic majority and force a vote on the Sheppard prohibition bill at this session Mr. Randall said:

"My call for a conference of the independent members bears no relation whatever to District of Columbia prohibition. I have made no demands on either Democrats or Republicans concerning the prohibition bill. I do not know whether the independent members to whom I have written are 'wet' or 'dry.'"

### No Intimidation.

"While I would like to see prohibition in the District I am not going to have the independent members threaten anybody. Prohibition legislation is not a subject for our conference. I have seen nobody connected with the Anti-Saloon League and shall not endeavor to use any balance of power that I or my colleagues might possess to force a vote on prohibition in this Congress."

### BLAST HEROINE HONORED

Tessie McNamara Gets Watch and Purse of Gold.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Tessie McNamara, heroine of the Kingsland explosion, who by her work at a telephone switchboard saved the lives of many employees of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company's plant in the recent explosion, received a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, and a purse of gold yesterday at the office of the Maryland Casualty Company.

The company's interest in Miss McNamara was more than impersonal, for the 280 employees of the plant had all been insured against injury or death under the workmen's compensation insurance by the Maryland Casualty Company.

### THIRD REGIMENT MUSTERED

Troops Scheduled To Be Paid Off  
in Few Days.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 31.—Companies of the Third D. C. Infantry were mustered for pay today. Battalion commanders inspected and mustered their respective battalions on company parades, and the inspection and muster of the headquarters, supply, and machine companies and all detachments were directed by Lieut. Col. Anton Stephan. Troops are scheduled to be paid off within the next few days.

### BRITISH LOSSES 12,314

Total of Officers and Men for Month  
Announced.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—England lost 12,314 officers and men killed in January. The total was announced in official casualty lists. The full figures of killed, wounded, and missing, as officially stated, were:

Killed	419	615
Wounded	11,895	17,149
Missing	2,928	2,928
Totals	12,314	17,764

## AGED TO HEAR GYPSY SMITH

Women of Presbyterian Home  
Will Be At Tabernacle  
This Afternoon.

### NURSES TO ATTEND TONIGHT

Evangelist Is Entertained At  
Luncheon At the Home of  
Rev. Dr. Charles Wood.

All the inmates of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged will hear the third sermon preached by Gypsy Smith, Jr., in the tabernacle at Sixteenth and V streets northwest, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The several score venerable women will be taken to the tabernacle in automobiles by members of the congregation of Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. John Carpenter Palmer, who is directing the revival, is the pastor.

### Sermon For Women.

The subject of the sermon this afternoon will be "Pools of Bethesda." The sermon is especially designed to appeal to women.

Although the chorus of 400 voices will not sing at this afternoon's services, music will be furnished by Miss Laura Hoagland, at the piano, and Prof. Forest Cole, who will sing "The Unwritten Gospel" as a solo. The congregation will be asked to sing a number of the evangelist's favorite hymns.

### Evangelist Entertained.

Before the afternoon service at the tabernacle Gypsy Smith, Jr., was entertained at a luncheon given by Dr. Palmer and the Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe at the home of the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, 2110 S street northwest.

### Rivalry in Attendance.

At tonight's services, which will begin at 7:30 o'clock, sections of seats will be roped off and reserved for the congregations of Washington Heights, Fourth, Central, Gurley, and Sherwood Presbyterian Churches.

There is great rivalry among the various co-operating congregations in the matter of attendance at the evangelistic services, and Washington Heights Church hopes to surpass all its competitors because of the leadership of its pastor, who has taken in the successful revival.

### Tonight Seats Also Will Be Reserved

for a score or more nurses from Garfield Hospital who will attend the services in a body.

Seats also will be held for a number of Congressmen and ministers who will be placed near the evangelist's pulpit.

### Secretary Daniels today informed

Dr. Palmer that he was greatly interested in the evangelistic campaign, and hoped to be able to attend a number of the services. He may attend tonight.

Dr. Palmer stated today that no reservation cards would be issued to individuals or groups of persons, but

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## CONNOLLY CO. LOST \$40,000 INSTEAD OF PROFITING AT TIME OF LEAK, SAYS HUTTON

BOLLING REPEATS DENIAL OF  
KNOWLEDGE OF PEACE PLAN

President's Brother-in-Law Declares He  
Knew Nothing of Note Until He Saw  
It in the Newspapers.

R. Wilmer Bolling, brother-in-law to President Wilson, and member of the brokerage firm of F. A. Connolly & Co., 1408 New York avenue, today denied all knowledge of any advance information on the peace note which Mr. Connolly is said to have sent to E. F. Hutton & Co., in New York.

Although Mr. Hutton testified on the stand at the investigation yesterday in New York that he got his first information about the forthcoming note from F. A. Connolly & Co., Mr. Bolling emphatically stated that the news came from New York first.

### First Trip From New York.

"The first intimation we had that a peace note was to be given out in Washington was when we received it over the wire from E. F. Hutton & Co.," said Mr. Bolling.

"The information was vague and based on rumors about New York. It attracted the attention of a number of clients in our office and occasioned considerable talk. I was much surprised as anyone else because I had not heard the slightest intimation of the note in

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Washington before E. F. Hutton and Company sent it over the wire.

**No Knowledge of It.**

Mr. Bolling was informed that F. A. Connolly, who went to New York last night to testify at the investigation, had given out a statement in which he said he sent E. F. Hutton and Company a message about the note after information had been received from the New York firm.

"I did not even know that," said Mr. Bolling. "Mr. Connolly may have sent a message following the receipt of the Hutton message, but he did not tell me anything about it and I had no knowledge of it."

The President's brother-in-law said he believed there must have been some mistake in the recollection of the time word concerning the forthcoming note was received from Washington.

He is positive that Hutton & Co. sent the message to F. A. Connolly & Co. some time before any message could have been sent from Washington to New York.

Although he said he had no (Continued on Second Page.)

## DANIELS READY TO MAKE OWN SHELLS

Hints Arrangement With Had-  
fields Is Off and U. S. May  
Buy Plant.

Secretary Daniels has decided the United States will make its own navy projectiles if United States manufacturers can't supply them at reasonable rates.

With no official announcement has been made, it was officially hinted today that the arrangement whereby Hadfields, the British concern, was to supply \$3,000,000 or more of projectiles, is off.

### To Advertise for Machinery.

The Navy Department will this week advertise for machinery to equip a Government projectile plant. Admiral Fletcher, coincidentally, will look for a suitable site for the Government factory. He was so instructed today.

This action was decided on despite a communication from the British minister of munitions saying Hadfields might be able to supply the projectiles wanted within fifteen or sixteen months.

### Plant Offered.

One American plant, Daniels said today, offered to lease its plant, or to sell outright to the Government. The department will consider any proposition that the company will make, Daniels said.

Daniels is still conferring with representatives of American factories, and has obtained some concessions in reduction of price.

### SUFFRAGE FOR GERMANY

Mrs. Ida Harper Declares It Will Be  
After War Issue.

Woman suffrage is to be a big issue in Germany after the war, Mrs. Ida Harper told the National American Woman's Suffrage Association meeting at 1626 Rhode Island avenue today.

She cited Russia, Germany and Belgium as countries dissatisfied with their present voting systems, and predicted a change when the war is over.

"Germany is going to find that she will have to revise her political system after the war," said Mrs. Harper. "There will be a revolution in Germany after the war, but we all hope it will be peaceful. Women there have proved they are entitled to the vote, and they will get it."

### ARREST FRENCH SOLDIERS

Four in Uniform Land at New London, Conn.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 31.—Four French soldiers who arrived here today on the steamer Chester Chapin wearing uniforms were arrested on a charge of violating the neutrality laws.

Two of the men were later released and allowed to catch a train for Halifax, N. S.

### RUSS CAPTURE ENEMY POINT.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 31.—Advancing waist deep in the snow, Russian troops have stormed and captured at the point of the bayonet German positions on the heights east of Jacobeni, according to today's official statement.

New York Broker Tells Rules  
Committee Washington Firm  
Did Not Benefit.

### GRILLED AGAIN BY PROBERS

Lawmakers Want to Know Why  
Some Telegrams Were Kept  
and Others Destroyed.

### CONNOLLY TO TAKE STAND

Partner of President's Brother-in-Law in New York Waiting to Testify.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—F. A. Connolly & Co., the Washington brokerage firm of which the President's brother-in-law, R. Wilmer Bolling, is a member, and which was named yesterday as the source of confidential advance information on the President's peace note, lost money instead of making it during the period immediately before and after the alleged "leak," according to testimony before the House Rules Committee, at the Customs House today.

Edward F. Hutton, the New York broker who brought the Connolly house's name into the hearing yesterday, told the investigating committee that he resumed the stand today that the accounts of the Washington firm from December 9 to 23 showed a net loss of \$40,000.

### Leak During Period.

The alleged "leak" occurred on December 20.

This testimony served to indicate, interested spectators observed that if Connolly got "inside information" he and his clients did not benefit.

Hutton, in his testimony, sought to minimize the importance of the advance information his firm had from Washington on President Wilson's recent note.

He held that the tip originating in the house of Connolly was not responsible for the break in the market. And, on the contrary, he declared, the market had been riding to a break for weeks, with everybody stock mad, and the house had so warned customers.

### What "Killed the Market?"

Secretary Lansing's "verge of war" statement "was what killed the market," he declared, though the committee pointed out that that came after the note was public property.

Congressman Bennett clearly brought out the Hutton message announcing the President's note was more exact as to the real nature of the note than any other report circulated on December 20.

Connolly, who came here today from Washington, waited to take the stand, while Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the committee, sought to draw from Mr. Hutton the rule where by his firm kept and destroyed its telegraphic messages.

### Only One Set Kept.

Mr. Hutton had testified yesterday that his incoming messages were destroyed and only copies of outgoing telegrams kept.

The investigator wished to know why the incoming query about the peace rumor from Connolly, Curtis & Co., of Chicago, had been preserved, whereas the telegram for restoring the peace note, which the witness admitted yesterday had come from Connolly & Co., had been destroyed.

Mr. Hutton said his house had no rule for preserving or destroying messages and that in this case it had lain with the option of Mr. Barrett, of his firm, who had handled the Chicago message.

### Connolly to Go on Stand.

The committee has all the so-called "leak" messages of the Hutton house except the confidential report Connolly forwarded.

Connolly was booked to tell this afternoon about this message, on which the firm notified its correspondents that a note had been sent and was interpreted as containing peace and warning angles.

Mr. Connolly denied this morning that he had information in advance from any official source concerning President Wilson's peace note to the belligerents.

The committee expects to call Bolling to the witness stand again in its search for the leak. All the members of Connolly & Co. are to be examined, and the operators who handled the message that went out from Connolly's at 1:34 p. m. on December 20, five hours before the note was given out for publication and twelve hours before its publication.

This telegram is the first accurate and specific description of the note in advance.

Mr. Connolly, a clean cut, dark complexioned man in a cutaway coat, when seen at the Waldorf this morning by a reporter for The Washington Times, said:

### Can Explain Matter.

"I will have no trouble in explaining to the committee the telegram to Hutton on which Ellis based his telegram for their correspondents. Washington is a clearing house for gossip. If you know the right places to go